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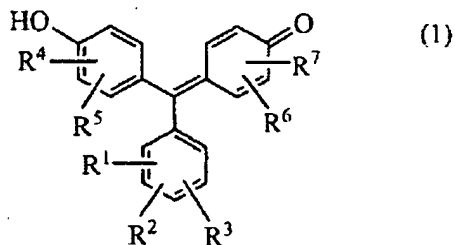
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A test piece for creatinine measurement comprising:

a compound expressed by the following formula (1)



where R^1 represents H, SO_3X or $COOX$,

R^4 and R^6 represent OH, SO_3X , or $COOX$ and are either the same or different,

R^2 , R^3 , R^5 and R^7 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

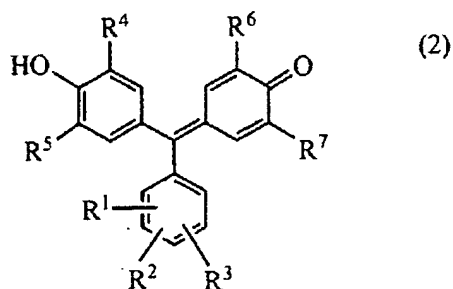
Xs in the R^1 , R^4 and R^6 represent H, Na, K, or NH_4 and are either the same or different, and

a transition metal or its salt that forms a colored complex with the compound,

wherein the transition metal is Pd(II).

2. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (2)

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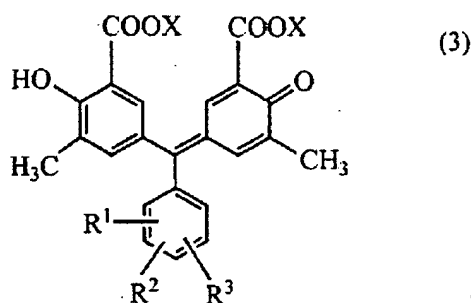
where R^1 represents H, SO_3X , or $COOX$,

R^4 and R^6 represent OH, SO_3X , or $COOX$ and are either the same or different,

R^2 , R^3 , R^5 and R^7 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

Xs in the R^1 , R^4 and R^6 represent H, Na, K, or NH_4 and are either the same or different.

3. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 2, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (3)



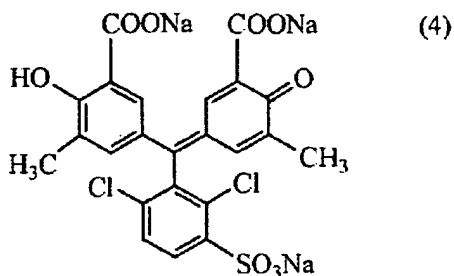
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R^2 and R^3 represent H, OH, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NO, or CH_3 and are either the same or different, and

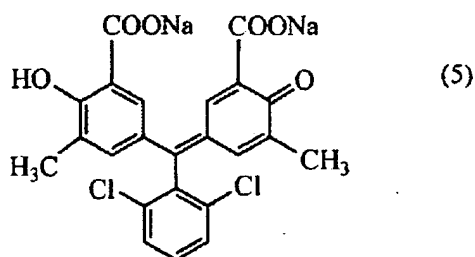
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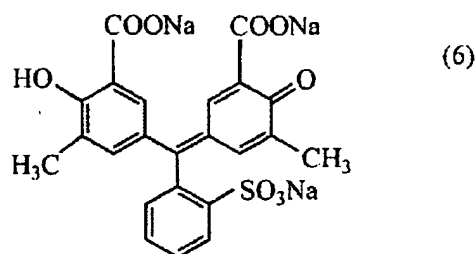
4. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (4)



5. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (5)

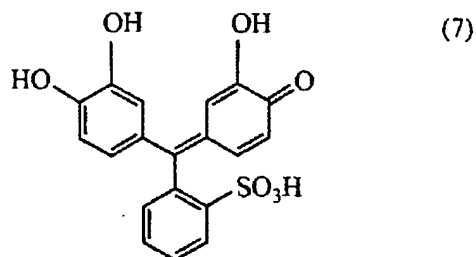


6. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (6)



7. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed by the following formula (7)

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8. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound is included in a porous material.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, wherein the compound (A) and the metal or its salt (B) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:B) of 30:1 to 1:15.

13. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, further comprising a buffer agent.

14. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 13, wherein the compound (A) and the buffer agent (C) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:C) of 1:10 to 1:1000.

15. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 1, further comprising a surfactant.

16. (Original) The test piece for creatinine measurement according to claim 15, wherein the compound (A) and the surfactant (D) are present at a ratio (molar ratio A:D) of 50:1 to 3:1.

17-18. (Canceled)